Hindi Typewriters in the Ministry of Labour

† 4187. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the offices under his Ministry/Department that does not have a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter there so far and the officers responsible for such kind of negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriter by the Department of Official Language in its Annual Hindi Programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Number of Hindi Typists and Stenographers in the Ministry of Labour

†4188. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of typists and stenographers under his Ministry and Subordinate Offices who have not taken training in Hindi typing and Hindi stenography;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training, so far; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Amendment of Child Labour Laws Under UN's Committee

4189. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UN's Committee on Rights of the Child has asked India to take steps to amend Child Labour Laws;

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(b) if so, the reaction of Government on such views expressed by UN's Committee on Rights of the Child;

(c) whether the existing Child Labour laws are adequate to deal with the situation; and

(d) if not, the other steps Government propose to take to made the Child Labour laws more effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) UN Committee on Convention on the Rights of the Child met in Geneva in January, 2000. In its final observations the Committee noted the amendments to the Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. It expressed concern at the large number of working children and against non enforcement of minimum age standards for employment. It recommended ratification of ILO Convention NO. 138 concerning the minimum age for admission to employment and No. 182 concerning prohibition and immediate action for the elimination of the worst forms of Child Labour.

The Central Government is responsible for enforcement of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 in railways, major ports, mines, oil fields and establishments under the control of the Central Government. In all other cases, State/UT Governments are responsible for enforcement of the Act. Employers found employing children in occupations and processes prohibited under the Act are prosecuted under the provisions of the Act. State/ UT Governments furnish informations to the Central Government on implementation of the provisions of the Act.

Government has already initiated steps towards ratification of ILO Convention Nos. 138 and 182.

Bill on the Working of Indian Labour

†4190 SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to prepare a comprehensive Bill to simplify further the working of Indian labour;

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